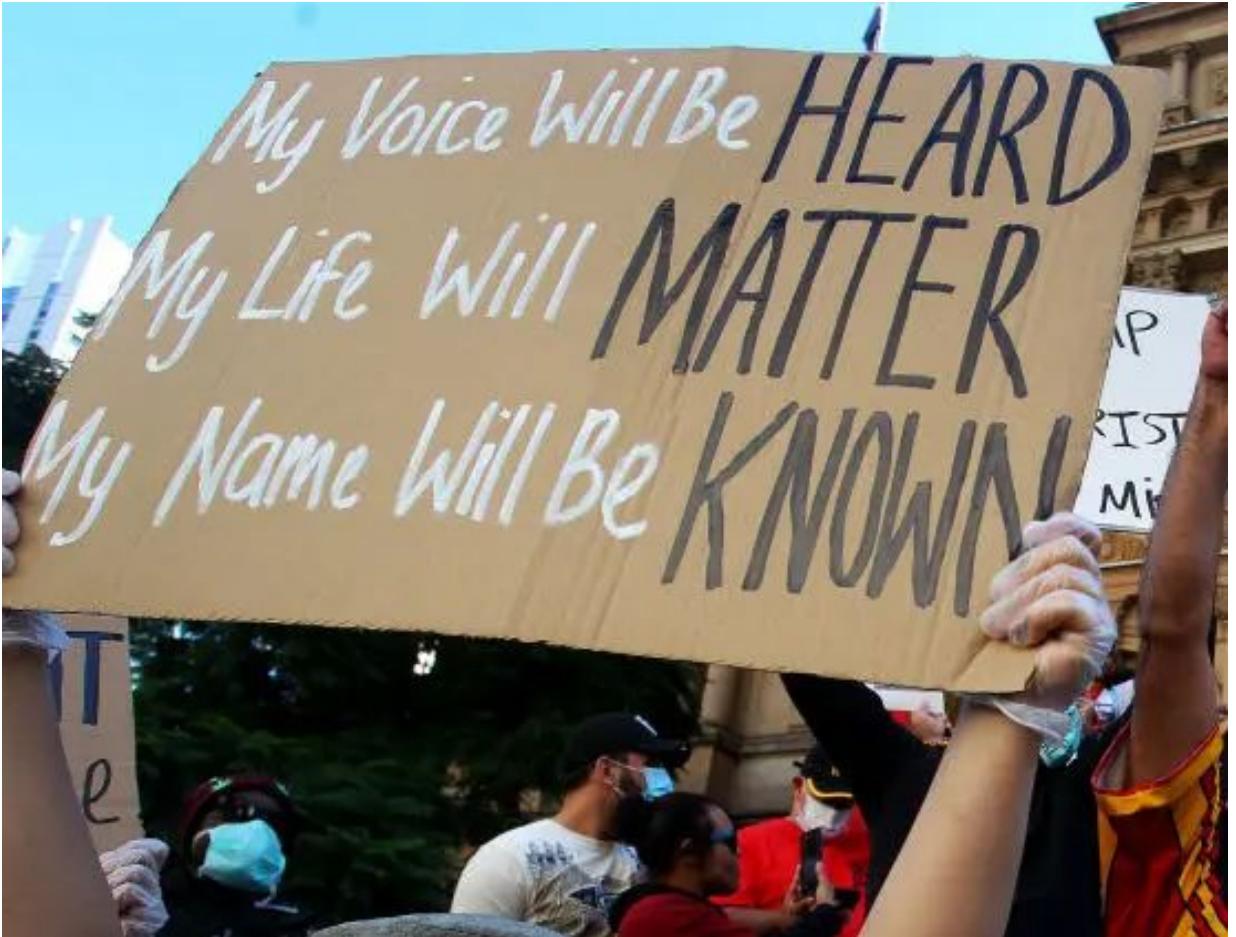


Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, regardless of orientation or designation.

For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio in C Major

W. A. Mozart, arr. Biggs

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #268 *Bring Many Names*

Westchase

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth and all of creation.

One: Our joy comes from the creativity of God,

All: who transforms us into minstrels of hope and heralds of love.

One: Our grace comes from the heart of God,

All: Who reveals to us the journey of Spirit and the way of new life!

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #69 *More Voices Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #104 *More Voices*

Trad., Congo

Mungu, ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good, Know that God is good,

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

The baby Moses is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Who do you say that I am? asks Jesus.

SERMON

"IN THE NAME"

The Rev. Jason Meyers

SOLO

Lord God of Abraham from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

MINUTES FOR MISSION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (all) (*Voices United*, p. 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *More Voices #148 Hope of Abraham and Sarah*

To Omni Die

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

BLESSING

Izumi Shiota



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the



Spi-rit en-light-en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

SILVER BAND POSTLUDE *The Cross of Honour*

William Rimmer

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning is **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming** and reading the lesson is **Rosemary Mok**. The ministry of music is offered by members of the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**, Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, bass John Schneider, sopranos **Gisele Kulak** and **Chelsea Van Pelt**, alto **Chris Taeyoung Kim**, tenor **Charles Davidson**, and **Benjamin Stein**, drummer.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study [link here](#)

Thursday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Family Drop In: Talent Show ([email Bailey](#) for link)

NEXT SUNDAY: August 30, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary
Exodus 3:1–15, Matthew 16:21-28
The Rev. Jason Meyers preaches

1:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Online Worship via Facebook and YouTube

STAY CONNECTED

Full updates around Covid-19 can be found on the homepage at metunited.ca. Past sermons and Online Worship services are also available. Sign up for the MET Connect weekly e-newsletter via our homepage for latest news. We're also on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#).

REOPENING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Metropolitan will be **resuming Sunday morning Worship on August 30th at 11am**, with our online service continuing at 7pm on Facebook, YouTube and at metunited.ca

Guidelines for attending worship, including info on how to register to attend, is available on our website.

MET CHILDREN & YOUTH

Thursday Family Drop-in Each Thursday at 6:30-7:30pm in July and August, Bailey hosts an evening drop-in for families of all ages. Activities range from escape rooms, spiritual practices, game nights, baking parties, and more! Next up: Craft Night on August 20.

PASTORAL CARE

The ministers are connecting with many members and we are responding to the needs of our community in this challenging time. For pastoral matters in August, please contact Jason at jasonm@metunited.ca (416-363-0331 ext. 224).

COMMUNITY SERVICES MINISTRY

The Outreach team continues to respond to the needs of our community physically and spiritually. Local businesses in the downtown core are being supported while community needs are met, via **take-out meals** accessible by funded chits from three local restaurants, and a similar chit system at a **local laundromat**. Megan and Stephanie are also buying and delivering groceries, providing grocery cards and meeting with folks, taking appropriate precautions. A **Hospitality Tent** is also up and running on Wednesdays in McGill Square to help provide relief during the summer months.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A group of dedicated folks is keeping in touch with all those in our community and are continuing to reach out offering help where needed. Tech help is being provided.

CONTINUED GIVING

The work of Metropolitan continues. While we cannot collect offerings in person, there are still easy ways to contribute - through our [Canada Helps page](#), or by mailing in envelopes and/or cheques to the church.

You can also arrange for pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - just [download and fill out a form](#) via the website. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at elenap@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331 ext. 229.

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